

REMARKS

At the outset, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the suggested amendment now made to claims 1 and 7 in accordance with the Office Action of March 22, 2006.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Ginsburg et al. (US Patent No. 4,413,979, hereinafter Ginsburg) in view of Jacobs et al. (US Patent No. 5,562,449, hereinafter Jacobs). It is believed that the presently amended claims clearly distinguish the invention from Ginsburg et al, and allowance is earnestly solicited.

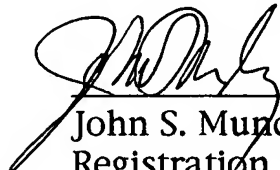
Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner considers this case ready for conclusion, other than by allowance, he is respectfully requested to call Applicants attorney at the number listed below.

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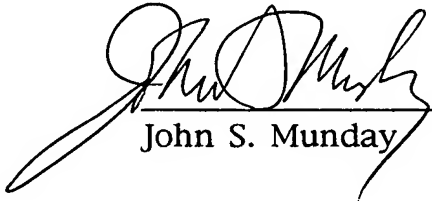
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